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INFORMAL MINUTES OF MEETING OF DIRECTOR AND CONSULTANTS, INTERDEPARTMENTAL FOREIGN INFORMATION ORGANIZATION, ON MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1951, AT THE HOME OF THE DIRECTOR, 1840 24TH STREET, N. W., AT 8:15 P.M.

PRESENT: Department of State - Mr. Barrett, Director
Mr. Stone, Executive Secretary
Mr. Phillips
Mr. MacKnight (latter part of meeting)
Mr. Harris
Department of the Army - General Magruder
Joint Chiefs of Staff - Admiral Stevens
Department of the Army - General McClure
National Security Resources Board - Mr. Sheppard
Central Intelligence Agency - Mr. Wisner
Economic Cooperation Administration - Mr. Berding
Economic Cooperation Administration - Mr. Drummond
United States Navy - Captain Knoll

The following matters were discussed:

1. Report and discussion of ship-borne radio transmitter project.
Mr. Herrick, Chief Engineer of VOA, is following up with the Maritime Commission regarding availability of ships and will prepare State Department report on this project.
2. Admiral Stevens stated that he had been asked for an opinion regarding the psychological effect of bombing the Yalu River dams in Korea. It was the consensus that an intelligence estimate should be obtained on this subject, and the question should be examined for its political as well as its psychological effects. A request is being made to R (Intelligence) for an intelligence estimate.
3. Discussion of various factors effecting U. S. public opinion with regard to retention of U. S. troops in Korea.
4. In discussion of possible deterrent against Soviets and China various methods and techniques were suggested.
5. Mr. MacKnight reported on the defector program.
6. Mr. Drummond reported on the psychological situation in Europe.

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State Department review completed

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